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App. No. : 09/857,155
Applicant : Susumu Otsuki et al.
Filed : May 31, 2001
Title : 5-DIRECTIONAL KEY OPERATION DEVICE

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Sir/Madam:

Applicants received a "Notice of Abandonment (hereinafter "Notice")" for the above-identified application. The Notice indicates that Applicants failed to timely file a proper reply to the Office action dated January 5, 2004.

However, Applicants submitted Response "C" dated May 24, 2004 (copy attached) in response to said Office action. Also enclosed is a copy of Return Receipt Postcard #23224 date stamped/received May 26, 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Petitions, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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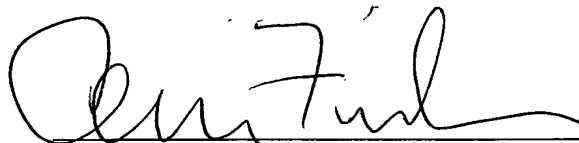
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Applicants therefore contend that the Notice was issued in error. Therefore, Applicants hereby request and petition that the Notice be rescinded and the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

The required petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h) is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional fees required, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 33632.

Respectfully submitted,

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